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136 Bryant Street, N. W.,

Washington, D. C.,

March 4, 1918.

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York Numismatic Society,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Mr. Duffield regarding some information about Chinese and Japanese numismatics.

I am a member of the A. N. A. and interested more particularly in U. S. Coins but am departing from that line in a way. As a side line from our own coin I am studying and collecting those coins which are curious in form and the different mediums of which they are made.

I should like to have you, if you can and will, give me the approximate price and some reliable dealer where I might procure those pieces which I desire. I will enclose a list on another sheet giving the name of the coin, name of dealer and approximate price.

Can you tell me where I can get a copy of Neil Gordon Monro's "Coins of Japan"? They have it here in the Congressional Library and also a copy at the U. S. National Museum which was given to Mr. Holmes the Curator.

If there are any other books that you can refer me to regarding any information of the coins I seek to know about I should be much pleased. The copy of Lockhart's collection here in the Congressional Library has pages 3 to 6 inclusive missing out of the text. This copy belongs to the Smithsonian.

Thanking you for any information that you can give me, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Fredene E. Hodges

COIN

DEALER

Price.

1,000 Chinese cash piece- - - - -

100 Chinese cash piece- - - - -

50 Chinese cash piece- - - - -

10 Chinese cash piece. - - - - -

Knife money- - - - -

Bell money- - - - -

Spade money, hollow handle- - - - -

Spade money, round feet- - - - -

Spade money, square feet- - - - -

Japanese tempo- - - - -

Japanese Itzebu,- - - - -

1/4, 1/2, 1.

Chinese tael (Custom)- - - - -

Bullet money, tical.

1/32, 1/16, 1/8, 1/4, 1/2, 1.

Porcelain money,- - - - -

Wampum,- - - - -

Ring money- - - - -

(Not necessarily gold or silver
as found in Ireland.)

Shell or cowrie money- - - - -

Japanese wooden money- - - - -

Sweedish plate money, (Small piece) -

What is the smallest coin you know of?

What is the largest coin you know of?

Coins of the Bible. Can you give me a list of the representative coins spoken
of in the Bible.

If there are any other curious coins along this line that you think of please
add them to this list.

136 Bryant Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.,
April 14, 1919.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 155th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your letter of April 11 regarding the publication of Ramsden is received.

Regarding your apology for not writing before, you do not need to make any. After what you have had to do and so much on your mind with so many of your officials away because of the existing conditions, I feel at fault for bothering you. I read with a great deal of interest the report in the Numismatist. It certainly is interesting and I think you are to be congratulated for all you have done for the interests of Numismatics.

At this time I desire to thank you most sincerely for the numbers of the Numismatist which you have let me have from your file. By your kindness I was able to complete several volumes.

Regarding the Chinese and Japanese coins I asked you about some time ago. I desired most of all to be made familiar with an approximate price of the coins I mentioned as a guide in the future should I desire to purchase some. Of course all would depend on conditions, and rarity.

Will you kindly send me the Corean book when convenient and if I can use it will remit the \$1.25. Can you give me the title of the book on Siamese Porcelain Tokens, date of publication, by whom published and price, that I might be able to identify it more readily. Also what is a copy of Munroe's Coins of Japan worth and where is it obtainable, and a copy of the Lockhart Collection of Chinese coins.

I am enclosing a photo of a coin which I would like to have you identify. It belongs to a friend who got it in Pekin.

Thanking you for these and past courtesies, believe me

Very truly yours,

Fredric E. Hodges

4/18/19

April 18, 1919.

Mr. Frederic E. Hodge,
136 Bryant Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Wood handed me your letter of the 14th to
answer for him, as he had to go out of town.

He will forward you the Korean book,

Siamese Porcelain and Other Tokens

By H. A. Ramsden, F. R. N. S., etc.

Yokohama 1911 Colored Plates

Jun Kobayagawa Co.

Price \$ 2.00

Munro's Coins of Japan is listed at \$ 5.00.

Spink & Co., London, quotes them occasionally. I know of
none available in this country.

Lockhart's Catalogue of the Glover Collection is
long out of print. It is in three volumes and brings about
\$ 15.00.

I am returning the photos of your friend's coin.
It is probably a pattern piece of Hsien Feng, 1851-1862.
They were never used as coins. We have a number of this
type, in fact two of this piece, but have not deciphered
the manchu characters.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

April 4, 1927

Mr. Frederic E. Hodge,
136 Bryant Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hodge:

There is nothing very good on Korean coins. I remember seeing some years ago an account of the pieces up to about 1880 by either a man named Hopkins or Gardner. It was in some magazine. If I locate this, I will let you know.

In the Yokahoma Philatelic and Numismatic Society Magazines, there are several articles on the modern Korean coins.

I will hand your other inquiry about the "Numismatist" over to Mr. Noe.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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